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Grade-wise (Non-Coking Coal) Excluding Ungraded Coals of North Eastern Region)

(In million tonnes)

Category	Grade-A	Grade-B	Grade-C	Grade-D	Grade-EFG	Total
Proved	1,163.86	3,978.19	8,487.44	10,375.03	41,615.88	62,620.4
Indicated	988.79	3,356.34	8,459.65	13,693.61	60,189.74	76,688.13

There is no Grade-wise break-up of inferred category of reserves.

Coal Company-wise reserves are as follows

(Reserves in million tonnes)

Company Command Area	Proved	Indicated	Inferred	Total
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	14,256.78	19,700.47	5,703.12	39,669.37
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	15,077.57	4,352.49	00.00	19,430.06
Central Coalfields Ltd.	16,229.67	15,533.40	4,174.23	35,937.30
Western Coalfields Ltd.	5,729.66	1,884.14	2,160.30	9,774.10
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	7,958.84	20,484.22	4,215.01	32,658.07
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	4,236.66	1,398.76	3,564.03	9,199.45
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	11,140.04	22,754.96	16,553.65	50,448.65
North Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	411.86	80.11	397.84	889.81
Singhereni Collieries Co. Ltd.	7,345.86	3,312.27	2,928.67	13,586.80
GRAND TOTAL	82,395.94	89,500.82	39,696.85	211,593.61

*Part of BCCL and Raniganj Coalfield, Bihar is included in Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

World Bank Aided Rehabilitation Project

2487. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- whether Government have launched a rehabilitation project in Coal India Ltd. (CIL) with World Bank aid;
 - if so, the details of the rehabilitation project;
 - the amount of World Bank loan sanctioned for the project;
- and

(d) the date when the project was started and the target date set for the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Coal Sector Rehabilitation Project (CSRP) was launched with the help of World Bank and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to make Coal India Limited (CIL) commercially viable, self-sustaining and increase coal production for meeting the future demand of the country.

The project consists of an investment component, technical assistance and training component. The investment component was to finance procurement of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) in 24 profitable mining sub-projects and also construction of Coal Handling Plants (CHPs) in four of them. The technical assistance component was envisaged to finance Coal India's institutional capacity development in the project implementation, mining operations and management.

(c) The details of the amounts to be received from each of the financial institutions for the Coal Sector Rehabilitation Project (CSRP) was as under:

(Amount in millions)	
IBRD loan	US\$ 515.00
JBIC	US\$ 515.00
CIL	US\$ 665.60
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Total	US\$ 1695.60
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However, after examining in its entirety CIL felt that balance of convenience lies in agreed cancellation of the balance uncommitted facility of the World Bank and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) loan and further appropriate steps have been initiated in this regard. CIL is also confident that it can complete the project from its own resources and from loans on the strength of its balance sheet.

(d) The project was approved by the World Bank in September,

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1997 and the loan became effective in June, 1998 and disbursement for the project was started in July, 1998. The Project was originally scheduled to be completed in June, 2003.

Stabilisation of overburden dumps in open cast coal mines

2488. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has agreed to include jute geotextiles instablisation of over-burden dumps in open cast coal mines; and

(b) if so, what is the status of implementation of the scheme, specially in the Northern Coalfields Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has agreed to include jute geotextiles instablisation of over-burden dumps in open cast coal mines. Related tender is under process. Acceptance of tender will be followed by implementation.

Fire in Moira Colliery

2489. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Coal Worker's Federation, Asansol have sent a memorandum to Government on the 14th July, 2000, regarding fire in Jambad bottom seam of Moira colliery under Bankala area on 9th July, 2000; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the points raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No, Sir. However a copy of the memorandum written by "Indian Mine Working Federation" Asansol to the Ministry of Coal dated 14-7-2000 has been received.

(b) Action taken by ECL on the memorandum are as under:—

(i) Enquiry is under process. Only after completion of the enquiry, responsibility for the fire on any person can be ascertained.